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1. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WATERWAYS
INSTITUTE FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT (RIZA), PERMANENT
WORKING GROUPS FOR THE CONTROL OF THERMAL, CHEMICAL,
RADIOACTIVE AND SALT POLLUTION OF THE RHINE HAVE LONG
BEEN ESTABLISHED. ACTIVITIES OF THESE GROUPS ARE
EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNDER THE RHINE AGREEMENTS. AT
PRESENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO
ARRIVE AT LISTS OF CHEMICALS FOR THE RHINE CHEMICALS
AGREEMENT. AT INTERNATIONAL RHINE PROTECTION COMMISSION
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(IRCP) MEETING HEADS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS,
PLANNED FOR LATE FEBRUARY, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
RHINE CHEMICAL AGREEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AND PRE-
PARATIONS MADE FOR MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS.

2. TO ARRANGE EXCHANGES OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
IRCP ACTIVITIES AND LISTS EPA MAY WRITE TO FOLLOWING

RIZA ADDRESSEES: MR J.' CAPPON AND MR W.A.H. BROUWER, RIJKSINSTITUUT VOOR ZUIVERING VAN AFVALWATER (RIZA), KANTOORGEBOUW RIJKSWATERSTAAT, MAERLANT 5, POSTBUS 17, LELYSTAD, THE NETHERLANDS. FOR LEGAL AND POLICY MATTERS CONCERNING THE IRCP, EPA CAN CONTACT MR B. FERMAN, STAFBUREAU INTERNATIONALE ZAKEN, RIJKSWATERSTAAT, KONINGSKADE 4, THE HAGUE. RIZA OFFICIALS MENTIONED USEFUL VISIT BY EPA OFFICER CYWIN TO RIZA LAST YEAR, AND FAVORED MORE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION WITH EPA.

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3. AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND WATERWAYS HAS INDICATED GON FAVORS THE POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE (PPP) IN ABATEMENT OF FRENCH DUMPINGS. HOWEVER, TO ARRIVE AT THE RHINE SALT AGREEMENT, DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO ABATEMENT COSTS WAS REGARDED AS NECESSARY GESTURE TO PREVENT DEADLOCK OF NEGOTIATIONS. APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM ON GROUNDS OF PPP WOULD HAVE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. COMPARED TO ADVANTAGE THE RHINE RIVER CLEANUP WILL HAVE FOR DUTCH FRESHWATER SUPPLY, CONTRIBUTION TO ABATEMENT COSTS IS MINOR CONSIDERATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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